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1. TANSEL FIKRI AGREES TO TRAVEL AFTER INAUGURATION. SUGGEST ARRIVAL LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY AT CONVENIENCE PROGRAMMING AGENCY. FULL BIODATA TO BE AIRMAILED.

2. EMBASSY WISHES REVISE SLATE PROVIDED REFTEL B. TO ACCOMMODATE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY NEWLY PRESENTED. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCE OF INTEREST AND ABILITY TO TRAVEL IN SPRING FROM MICHAEL G. COLOCASSIDES, FORMER MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, NOW PRESIDENT OF BANK OF CYPRUS, ISLAND'S LEADING FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. COLOCASSIDES, 43, IS SCION OF FAMILY OF TRADITIONAL POLITICAL PREEMINENCE AND IN OWN RIGHT IS GENERALLY PERSONALLY CREDITED AS MINISTER (1972-1976) WITH LARGE ROLE IN IMPRESSIVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY FROM 1974 DISLOCATIONS. WE PROPOSE TO SUBSTITUTE COLOCCASIDES FOR RAIF DENKTASH.

3. WHILE POST CONTINUES TO SUBSCRIBE TO RATIONALE OUTLINED IN PARA 5A OF REFTEL, WE BELIEVE DENKTASH WILL BE AS VALUABLE A CANDIDATE NEXT YEAR AS NOW.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE CONCURRENCE ON COLOCASSIDES SOONEST SO LETTER OF INVITATION CAN BE ISSUED.
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